

This proposal begins with the concept of giving Technician Class Licensees some HF spectrum to practice CW and then gives them phone privileges - in the case of 40 meters, the whole General Class portion! My 35 years experience in Amateur Radio has shown me that this proposal will do little to encourage Technician Class operators to increase their morse code practice, as the proposal already gives them HF phone. Since the author begins this proposal with a comment about the 'evaporation' of the international requirement for morse code, I believe this proposal to be a thinly veiled attempt to get Technician Class level operators HF privileges with no real incentive to continue morse code.